

WASHINGTON – Members of the New Mexico Congressional delegation today announced that the City of Bayard has been awarded a federal grant and low-interest loan to expand its public library.

The city will receive \$148,750 in grant funds and \$221,250 in federal loans for the 3,400 square foot expansion. The funding, made available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“Expanding the public library will allow the city to better serve residents of Bayard. At the same time, this funding will create good construction jobs in the region. I cannot think of a better way to invest Recovery Act funding,” U.S. Senator Jeff **Bingaman** said.

“Local libraries are places to gather and access knowledge in communities big and small,” U.S. Senator Tom **Udall** said. “This Recovery Act funding will allow the city of Bayard to expand its library for the benefit of the entire community while creating jobs for hardworking New Mexicans. The people of Bayard will benefit from this investment for years to come.”

“Targeted investments in our rural communities are critical to not only expand the resources available in these communities and encourage future economic development, but also in creating much needed jobs in the community,” said Congressman Harry **Teague**. “This funding

will allow the Bayard Library to expand computer access, modern equipment and new training and educational opportunities for residents. I'm pleased to see Recovery Act funding going to projects that will benefit the community now and for years to come."

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